MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Suspension of Admissions to the M.A. Program in Political Science, UNI

Date: January 6, 2003

Recommended Action:

Approve the University of Northern Iowa's request for suspension of admissions to the M.A. Program in Political Science, and terminate the program after all current students have completed the program.

Executive Summary:

Suspend Admissions and Terminate Program As directed by Board policy (*Policy Manual* §6.20, Policy on Academic Program Termination and Reduced Admissions), the University of Northern Iowa is requesting permission to suspend graduate admissions to the M.A. degree in Political Science at the University of Northern Iowa, effective immediately. The Department of Political Science faculty members have voted to support suspension of admissions and to terminate the program, according to Board policy, when all students have completed their coursework.

Few Students and Lack of Resources

The Department of Political Science proposes that the class seeking the M.A. degree in Political Science which entered in the Fall 2002 term and will graduate in Spring 2004 will be the last class to complete the program, unless this suspension of admissions is revoked. There are currently five students in the program. The program is being suspended because of the small number of applicants and the lack of resources. Faculty members decided that it was better to focus on developing and expanding undergraduate offerings.

Robert J. Barak

Approved: Gregory S. Nichol

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